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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Director's Conversation with Senator Allen J. Ellender**

1. Today the Director told me of his meeting with Senator Allen Ellender during which Messrs. Art Lundahl and [REDACTED] NPIC, showed the Senator some pictures illustrating the use the Agency had made [REDACTED] During their ensuing conversation, Senator Ellender told the Director of his concern over the size of the Defense budget and expressed his well-known views on what is wrong with our policy toward the Soviet Union.

2. In an earlier telephone conversation, the Senator had mentioned to the Director his confusion about information he had obtained from the Defense Department on Soviet strategic developments.

3. At one point, after having been interrupted by a phone call from a member of the press, Senator Ellender remarked to the Director he suspected someone on his staff was leaking information about Appropriations Committee matters to the Pentagon which in turn was leaking to the press. He expressed particular concern about this. (The Director suggested I might alert Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, to Senator Ellender's concern in this regard.)

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